

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**May 16, 2018**

Members Present: Paul Czech, Paul Raia, Darcy Devney, Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Liza Molina, Michael Rademacher, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Cynthia DeAngelis

Others Present: John Tortelli, Resident Sunnyside Ave  
Ellen Leigh, Disability Advocate  
Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator

### **Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2018:**

Maureen St. Hilaire made a motion to approve the minutes SO VOTED

### **Introduction of Commission Members:**

Members introduced themselves and mentioned their reason for being on the Commission.

### **Discussion and update on AXS Mapathon:**

Ellen Leigh said that the AXS Map will provide criteria about accessibility of local businesses. Ellen said that the Chamber of Commerce was very cooperative in trying to make their member businesses more welcoming and friendly by improving accessibility. Kerrie Fallon said that it would be good to recognize business's that have improved accessibility. A committee was formed to follow up on businesses that wanted to improve accessibility. Maureen, Kerrie and Jack volunteered to be on the committee.

### **Accessibility and safety concerns at Sunnyside Avenue:**

Michael Rademacher said that the Town is planning to advertise for bids to build a sidewalk on the east side past the businesses on that side of the street. Michael said that a sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the street where curbing will also be installed.

### **Vote on Time Limits for H/P.**

Darcy Devney said that Boston has a Home Rule Petition filed by a Michael Flaherty that would require disabled individuals to pay for parking at H/P spaces and also limit the length of time that an individual would be allowed to park while using their H/P placard. It was mentioned that it is now a criminal offense and a civil offense to use an unauthorized H/P placard. The Commission discussed at length the matter of paying to park with an H/P placard with a decision to continue this discussion at the June meeting.

### **Summer Retreat:**

The Commission decided that Cynthia DeAngelis along with Kerrie Fallon should be on this committee.

**Other Business:**

Maureen asked when the bricks would be removed from the horseshoe shaped driveway at the Senior Center Building and along sidewalks in Arlington Center. Michael said that a contractor had been selected to do the work of removing bricks from the horseshoe shaped driveway but never started the work. Michael said that this project has not at this time been rebid. Michael said that the Town had applied for funding for work in Arlington Center but was denied funding from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Michael said that at some point the Town will have to make some improvements in the Center with possibly Town funds which would involve removing bricks and most likely realigning some sidewalks.

When asked by John Tortelli about the proposed Traffic signals at Lake Street and the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail Michael Rademacher responded and said that the Town was not able to obtain DOT funding at this time but that the Town will probably apply again in the near future and may possibly have to fund this project if funding is again denied.

Paul Czech said that a representative from the Massachusetts Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing will attend the June meeting to discuss possible solutions to provide a lower cost method of providing a hearing device for hearing impaired members and guests attending future Commission meetings.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.